



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DIOCESAN COUNCIL

1 December 2018

Villa Madonna, Rothesay, NB

Pre-meeting circulation

- Agenda
- Draft Minutes (Sep 22, 2018)
- Draft Minutes of Emergency Council Executive Meeting (30 October 2018)
- Attendance Chart
- Regulation 7-2, Schedule A, Draft
- 2019 Diocesan Budget Draft

Participants

Attending: Kathy Asch, David Barrett, David Bell, Roderick Black, Gilbert Carter, Sandra Craft, David Edwards, Geoffrey Hall, Brent Ham, Heather Harris-Jones, Chris Hayes, Lionel Hayter, Susan Jack, Mary Anne Langmaid, Cathy Laskey, Siobhan Laskey, Bob LeBlanc, Coralie Losier, Sandy MacPherson, Rob Marsh, Keith Osborne, Edward Quann, William Ross, Joanna Saunders, Wandlyn Snelgrove, Thomas Stradwick, Robert Taylor, and Cheryl Young.

Regrets: Dylan Nicoll

Absent: John Matheson and Linda Fury

Guests Attending: Shawn Branch, Cheryl Jacobs, Paul Ranson, and David Peer.

Call to Order

1. Bishop Edwards called the meeting to order at 1300 and welcomed Council members. He noted the regrets of one council member.
2. The Bishop introduced the Agenda for the meeting.

MOTION 1: Gil Carter / Bob LeBlanc

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

MOTION 1: Carried.

Membership

3. Bishop Edwards announced that the Fredericton Archdeaconry has proposed the Rev. Paul Ranson to replace the Rev Christian Persaud as the clergy member, since Christian has resigned from his parish and moved to Calgary.

MOTION 2: Rob Marsh / Wandlyn Snelgrove

That Diocesan Council appoint Paul Ranson as the clergy representative from the Archdeaconry of Fredericton, effective immediately.

MOTION 2: Carried.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

4. Diocesan Council reviewed the minutes of the last Diocesan Council meeting.

MOTION 3: Chris Hayes / Brent Ham

That the minutes of the Sep 22, 2018 Meeting of Diocesan Council be adopted as presented.

MOTION 3: Carried

Minutes of the October 30, 2018 Emergency Diocesan Council Executive Meeting

5. Diocesan Council received the minutes of the Diocesan Council Executive meeting on October 30th.

MOTION 4: Gil Carter / Kathy Asch

That the minutes of the Oct 30, 2018 Meeting of the Diocesan Council Executive be adopted as presented.

MOTION 4: Carried

Business Arising

6. **137th Session of Diocesan Synod.** The Bishop noted that the Diocesan Council Executive to not hold the 137th Synod on its planned date. Diocesan Council sets the date for synod and it is proposed that the 137th Session of Synod be scheduled for Saturday, November 2, 2019.

MOTION 5: Bob LeBlanc / Tom Stradwick

That the 137th Session of Diocesan Synod take place on Saturday, November 2, 2019.

MOTION 5: Carried

Committee and Team Reports

7. The Bishop asked for a motion to receive the finance committee report, which includes a draft scale of minimum stipends (effective 1 January 2019) and the 2019 Draft Diocesan Budget report.

MOTION 6: Gil Carter / Rob Marsh

That the Diocesan Council receive the Finance Committee Reports.

MOTION 6: Carried

8. **Parish Investments and Diocesan Funds Rate of Interest.** The Treasurer of Synod, Heather Harris-Jones presented the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the rate of interest for July to December for funds invested in the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund (DCIF) be set at 3.5%.

MOTION 7: Susan Jack / Sandra Craft

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to maintain the current rate of interest of 3.5% to be paid on parish investments and diocesan funds in the DCIF for the six month period from July to December 2018.

MOTION 7: Carried

9. **Minimum Stipend Scale.** Heather Harris-Jones explained how the finance and human resources committees had reviewed cost of living indices to arrive at the recommendation for an increase of 2.5% to minimum stipend amounts for 2019.

MOTION 8: Coralie Losier / Gil Carter

That Council approve a 2.5% increase, effective January 1, 2019, to the Diocesan clergy compensation as governed by Schedule A, Regulation 7-2: Scale of Minimum Stipends.

MOTION 8: Carried

10. **2019 Diocesan Budget.** Heather Harris-Jones presented the proposed 2019 Diocesan Budget reviewing the Summary page and then a more detailed examination Section by Section. She noted that the budget this year doesn't show flow through amounts, as in past years. This means that the total revenue and total expenses are reduced. The changes to how flow through amounts are presented mostly affect line items in Mission and Administration.

MOTION 9: Gil Carter / Bob LeBlanc

That Diocesan Council approve the 2019 Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget as presented.

MOTION 9: Carried

Next Meeting

11. The next Diocesan Council meeting will occur Saturday, February 23rd, 2019.
12. The meeting schedule for 2019 has three more dates, all Saturdays: June 1st(Parish of Kingston), September 21st, and November 30th.

Adjournment

13. The Bishop asked for a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION 11: Tom Stradwick

Moved that this meeting of Diocesan Council be adjourned.

14. The Bishop closed the meeting at 1340.

Respectfully submitted,

The Right Rev David Edwards
Bishop and Chair

The Ven Cathy Laskey
Secretary of Synod

The Rev David Peer
Recording Secretary